



**An Order for Evening Prayer**

*Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2021*

*The Seventh Sunday After Trinity*

**St Nicholas' Church, Brighton**

*The minister shall say*

God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God and God in him. *1 John 4.16*

**B**ELOVED, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us keep silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

*Then shall follow the General Confession, to be said of the whole congregation after the Minister:*

**O** GOD, our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved thee with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Absolution, or Remission of Sins, shall be pronounced by the Minister alone:*

**M**AY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Minister shall say:*

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| <i>Answer.</i>   | O Lord, open thou our lips;<br><b>And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.</b>        |
| <i>Minister.</i> | O God, make speed to save us;   |
| <i>Answer.</i>   | <b>O Lord, make haste to help us.</b>   |
| <i>Minister.</i> | Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;                         |
| <i>Answer.</i>   | <b>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.</b> |
| <i>Minister.</i> | Praise ye the Lord.   |
| <i>Answer.</i>   | <b>The Lord's name be praised.</b>  |

*Then shall the office hymn be sung.*

**God, who made the earth and heaven,  
Darkness and light:  
You the day for work have given,  
For rest the night.**

**May Your angel guards defend us,  
Slumber sweet Your mercy send us,  
Holy dreams and hopes attend us  
All through the night.**

**And when morn again shall call us  
To run life's way,  
May we still, whate'er befall us,  
Your will obey.  
From the pow'r of evil hide us,  
In the narrow pathway guide us,  
Never be Your smile denied us  
All through the day.**

**3 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,  
And, when we die,  
May we in Your mighty keeping  
All peaceful lie.**

**When the last dread call shall wake us,  
Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,  
But to reign in glory take us  
With You on high.**

*Reginald Heber C19*

*Then shall be said the psalm appointed, the people joining in the bold type.*

## **P**SALM 73

Truly God is loving unto Israel \*  
even unto such as are of a clean heart.

**Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone \*  
my treadings had well-nigh slipt.**

And why? I was grieved at the wicked \*  
I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.

**For they are in no peril of death \*  
but are lusty and strong.**

They come in no misfortune like other folk \*  
neither are they plagued like other men.

**And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride \*  
and overwhelmed with cruelty.**

Their eyes swell with fatness \*  
and they do even what they lust.

**They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy \*  
their talking is against the most High.**

For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven \*  
and their tongue goeth through the world.

**Therefore fall the people unto them \*  
and thereout suck they no small advantage.**

Tush, say they, how should God perceive it \*  
is there knowledge in the most High?

**Lo, these are the ungodly, these prosper in the world, and these have riches in  
possession \*  
and I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, and washed mine hands in  
innocency.**

All the day long have I been punished \*  
and chastened every morning.

**Yea, and I had almost said even as they \*  
but lo, then I should have condemned the generation of thy children.**

Then thought I to understand this \*  
but it was too hard for me,

**Until I went into the sanctuary of God \*  
then understood I the end of these men;**

Namely, how thou dost set them in slippery places \*  
and castest them down, and destroyest them.

**O how suddenly do they consume \*  
perish, and come to a fearful end!**

Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh \*  
so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city.

**Thus my heart was grieved \*  
and it went even through my reins.**

So foolish was I, and ignorant \*  
even as it were a beast before thee.

**Nevertheless, I am always by thee \*  
for thou hast holden me by my right hand.**

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel \*  
and after that receive me with glory.

**Whom have I in heaven but thee \*  
and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.**

My flesh and my heart faileth \*  
but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

**For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish \*  
thou hast destroyed all them that commit fornication against thee.**

But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God \*  
and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;**  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

*Then shall be read the first lesson, Job 13.13–14.6*

A READING from the book of Job

“Let me have silence, and I will speak,  
and let come on me what may.  
I will take my flesh in my teeth,  
and put my life in my hand.  
Behold, he will slay me; I have no hope;  
yet I will defend my ways to his face.  
This will be my salvation,  
that a godless man shall not come before him.  
Listen carefully to my words,  
and let my declaration be in your ears.  
Behold, I have prepared my case;  
I know that I shall be vindicated.  
Who is there that will contend with me?  
For then I would be silent and die.

Only grant two things to me,  
then I will not hide myself from thy face:  
withdraw thy hand far from me,  
and let not dread of thee terrify me.  
Then call, and I will answer;  
or let me speak, and do thou reply to me.  
How many are my iniquities and my sins?  
Make me know my transgression and my sin.  
Why dost thou hide thy face,  
and count me as thy enemy?  
Wilt thou frighten a driven leaf  
and pursue dry chaff?  
For thou writest bitter things against me,  
and makest me inherit the iniquities of my youth.  
Thou puttest my feet in the stocks,  
and watchest all my paths;  
thou settest a bound to the soles of my feet.  
Man wastes away like a rotten thing,  
like a garment that is moth-eaten.

“Man that is born of a woman  
is of few days, and full of trouble.

He comes forth like a flower, and withers;  
he flees like a shadow, and continues not.  
And dost thou open thy eyes upon such a one  
and bring him into judgment with thee?  
Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?  
There is not one.

Since his days are determined,  
and the number of his months is with thee,  
and thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass,  
look away from him, and desist,  
that he may enjoy, like a hireling, his day.

Here ends the lesson.

*Then shall be said the Magnificat, the people joining in the bold type.*

#### MAGNIFICAT.

**M**Y soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

**For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.**

For behold, from henceforth :  
all generations shall call me blessed.

**For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
and holy is his name.**

And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.

**He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

**He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.**

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;**

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

*Then shall be read the second lesson, Hebrews 2.5-18*

**A** READING from the letter to the Hebrews

For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere,  
“What is man that thou art mindful of him,  
or the son of man, that thou carest for him?  
Thou didst make him for a little while lower than the angels,  
thou hast crowned him with glory and honor,  
putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying,  
“I will proclaim thy name to my brethren,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee.”  
And again,  
“I will put my trust in him.”  
And again,  
“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every

respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

Here ends the lesson.

*Then shall be said the Nunc Dimittis, the people joining in the bold type.*

NUNC DIMITTIS.

**L**ORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.

**For mine eyes have seen':  
thy salvation,**

Which thou hast prepared :  
before the face of all people;

**To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.**

*Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed by the Minister and the people,*

**I** BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and  
buried, He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead, He  
ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From  
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints ;  
The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. **Amen.**  
*Then shall be said these Prayers following, the Minister first pronouncing*

The Lord be with you;

*Answer.* **And with thy spirit.**

*Minister.* Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Then the Minister and people, shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice.*

**O**UR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil. **Amen.**

*Then the Minister shall say,*

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

*Answer.* **And grant us thy salvation.**

*Minister.* O Lord, save the Queen;

*Answer.* **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

*Minister.* Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

*Answer.* **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

*Minister.* O Lord, save thy people;

*Answer.* **And bless thine inheritance.**

*Minister.* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*Answer.* **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

*Minister.* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*Answer.* **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us**

*Then shall follow three Collects; the first of the Day; the second for Peace; the third for Aid against all Perils.*

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Then shall follow the reflection and the intercessions.*

*Then shall follow the hymn.*

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might,  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Great God of all glory, great God of all light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

*Walter Smith, C19*

*Then shall follow the blessing.*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

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